

Public Meeting #1

Date: April 1, 2010

Location: Refugee Women’s Alliance (ReWa), Rainier Vista

Attending: 26 total

Friends of CGMV: Mary DeJong

Cascade Land Conservancy: Andrea Mojzak

ReWa: Greg plus 1 staff plus 2 kids presenting

Johnson|Southerland: Maggi Johnson, Brian Stark

Seattle Parks: Pam Kliment

Neighbors: 17

Introduction and Presentation:

Mary and Andrea gave an introduction, the ReWa kids shared their experiences in Cheasty Greenspace and presented “where is Cheasty Greenspace”, JoSo presented a context map, and some general findings on existing site conditions.

Discussion and Input:

Johnson|southerland posed a series of questions, the group then volunteered comments and at the end of the meeting prioritized the comments with dots (2 color system: green = high priority, blue = medium priority)

Who should be served by a trail system and entry garden at CGMV? What could be done to better serve them?

High priority	Medium priority	Total H=2, M=1	
4	2	10	Kids
3	2	8	Commuters*
2	4	8	People of culture (people of the many cultures in the neighborhood)
2	1	5	Students (schools, YWCA, ReWa)
1	1	3	Dog walkers
1	0	2	Neighbors who are walkers
0	2	2	Elder place (elderly in nearby home)

Ideas responding to “how to better serve “people of culture”” included: INVOLVE in planning and design and working in green space as well as in education and outreach to help make people more comfortable being in the greenbelt and thinking of it as a positive place.

*We also received a written comment: “Embrace the light rail commuters. There will be more and more traffic from them as the line expands N & E.”

Safety (crime)

High priority	Medium priority	Total H=2, M=1	
4	1	9	Safety - Discuss strategies w/commtty police, open only dusk to dawn
2	4	8	Safety - Lights for safety, Mountainview is dark
2	3	7	Safety-- for commuters
2	2	6	Safety - good sightlines, no blind areas
1	3	5	Concern - inviting people in, security,
1	2	4	Safety - for neighbors
		0	Safety - "Defensive" landscape for homes
		0	Safety - Limit number of entry points
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Connections, convenience, pedestrian/traffic hazards

High priority	Medium priority	Total H=2, M=1	
7	3	17	Wayfinding and welcoming at entry points
4	5	13	Stairs on Alaska right-of-way to Mountainview ("slide")
4	5	13	Good sidewalks and crosswalks / crosswalk
1	6	8	Trail connection from top to bottom
3	1	7	Connect to other trails in the neighborhood*
2	3	7	Connect commties together (schools), concern for larger Cheasty greenbelt
2	2	6	Trail head at 28th, accesses neighborhood better than 27th
2	0	4	Sidewalks on Mountainview
		0	Design trail to withstand erosion, drainage, no maintenance
		75	

Community building

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7	3	17	Wayfinding and welcoming at entry points
3	1	7	Connect to other trails in the neighborhood*
2	3	7	Connect commties together (schools), concern for larger Cheasty greenbelt
	1	1	Gathering areas, benches and tables
	1	1	Accessibility for Elderplace, mobility
		0	Cultural elements at entries
		0	Tie in with Chief Sealth Trail art work
		33	

Character and elements of plan

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7	3	17	Wayfinding and welcoming at entry points
4	5	13	Stairs on Alaska right-of-way to Mountainview ("slide")
4	5	13	Good sidewalks and crosswalks / crosswalk
5	0	10	Less man-made things inside
1	6	8	Trail connection from top to bottom
2	2	6	Trail head at 28th, accesses neighborhood better than 27th
2	0	4	Sidewalks on Mountainview
	1	1	Entry garden looks both ways
	1	1	Gathering areas, benches and tables
0	0	0	Entry down the hill
		0	Cultural elements at entries
		0	Tie in with Chief Sealth Trail art work
		0	Design trail to withstand erosion, drainage, no maintenance
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Notations on Maps

Context:

- the outline of the Lockmore neighborhood (roughly Beacon Ave to 30th Ave, including the greenbelt, and Dawson to Alaska)
- Usual walking route of many Lockmore residents: along 28th, turn at Ferdinand to Mountainview, down "slide area" (slippery Alaska Street right-of-way) to Alaska place. Connection to Cheasty Greenbelt north of Alaska, with signalized crossing at curve.
- Connections to Chief Sealth Trail, down Edmunds to Columbia Park/Rainier Playfield, Genessee Park, Lake Washington
- Artwork location on Chief Sealth Trail
- Connection from Viewpoint Park in Rainier Vista through Cheasty Greenbelt to Cheasty Blvd and 24th Ave S.
- Noted at north of Rainier Vista: pocket park, P-Patch and Urban Farm

Photo board:

- "Recognize ecological restoration"

Existing Conditions:

- Great views noted from southwest slope toward east
- 3 Green dots along S. Angeline and 1 greet dot at northeast corner. Signify?? Possible entry points?